

# Rotary



## Club of Churchland

### Club Meeting Information

Churchland  
Meets at American Legion Hall  
- Churchland  
3107 American Legion Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23703  
Time: Tuesday at 07:30 AM

### Club Leaders



James N. Rhodes  
DDS  
President



Debra J. Aleck DPM  
President-Elect



Wanda Smith  
iPast President



Q. Karl Quinn  
Secretary  
Past President



David W. Stephenson  
Treasurer  
Past President  
Webmaster



Brennan J. O'Connor  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Past President



William Barrera  
Club Director  
Past President



Leslie H. Halstead  
Jr.  
Club Director  
Past President

## NOVEMBER 10, 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2020

President Jim called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Ashton was the meeting opener and led us in the prayer, pledge and 4-way test. A tasteful breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Jim welcomed those on Zoom and in person. We had 18 in person and 10 on Zoom. Those on Zoom were Dennis, Vernon, Leroy, Raleigh, Wanda, Kendra, Karl, Connie, Kristin and Debra from Nags Head!

David announced that Byron has a birthday this week and asked for birthday wishes! Happy Birthday Byron!

Happy Dollars were flowing this week. Lupe, Bob and Debra were all Happy. Connie was the happiest with donating 25 happy dollars! Her community had a yard sale and she put up a table and raised \$25.00. Great job, Connie. Joe Hansley was happy too and donated 20 HD. He has been on the road the past two weeks visiting colleges in Georgia, Miami and Memphis. He did have 5 makeups!

It was great to see Rod back and he has been extremely busy with his business. Good to see you Rod at the welcome table.

Board Meeting, Thursday, November 19 at 5:15 pm at Cincinnati Chili.

District conference is this week--November 6-8 in Virginia Beach. We have several members going. Looks like Jim, Sandy, Les, Lupe, Joe H., Nancy, Maureen, Bill and Ashton plan to attend. Bill Pollard will be master of ceremonies at the lunch on Saturday!

Meals on Wheels needs our help so call at [761 8223](tel:7618223).

Nancy is excited to announce that they have received a lot of orders at the meeting. This is our only fundraiser this year so please sell, sell, sell! The first order will go in on November 13 with another before Christmas if needed.

The Board approved \$250 donation to be given at the District Conference for purchase of food for the Food Bank.

\$500.00 donation was approved by the board to Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless.

Dennis Price donated \$100.00 to the club and we thank you Dennis!

### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THANKS Dennis for donating \$100.00 to the club. The board members met after the meeting and made the decision to designate the funds toward the Christmas Fund. We know that you were on the committee for many years and that this is one of your passions. Thanks again.

## CLASSIFICATION TALK NOVEMBER 3, 2020



Kristin Anne Macan  
Club Director



Roland Martin  
Club Director



Pamela N McWhorter  
Club Director



Philip Ashton Page  
Club Director



William D. Pollard Jr.  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Joe Lee Hansley  
Membership Chair



Sandra R. Stewart  
Attendance Secretary  
Bulletin Editor



SuAnne Hardee Bryant  
Assistant Governor



## Speakers/Events

**November 10, 2020**  
Terry Fraley/Rod Triplett  
November Greeters

**November 10, 2020**  
Byron Perkins  
Meeting Opener

**November 17, 2020**  
Bill Pollard  
Meeting Opener

**November 17, 2020**  
Terry Fraley/Rod Triplett  
November Greeters

**November 19, 2020**  
Rod & Patti Triplett  
Meals On Wheels - Third Thursday

**November 19, 2020**



Les was our featured speaker this morning and we certainly learned more than expected!

Les grew up in an Army family and moved quite a bit. His travels growing up included Germany, Japan, Portsmouth, Illinois and Hawaii to name some.

His dad retired from the Army in 1963 and moved to Virginia Beach. He attended Cox High School where he boasted he held a second major--celebrating his senior year twice! He went on to graduate in 1967.

After high school he visited a recruiter and joined the Army and ended up in New Mexico working the nuclear weapon program. He said that this was good experience for him. He was then assigned to Germany but in less than 48 hours his orders were changed to Turkey. He shared with us some pictures of Turkey and places he visited. It indicated that the winters were COLD and summer HOT.

After his service time, in 1970, he attended TCC for one year. He then went to Virginia Tech where he studied architecture.

A couple of summers he worked for Varsity Co. selling bibles in Alabama and in Illinois. He learned rejection early on with this job!

After one year in the architecture program, he realized that he did not have the math background so he switched over to finance. In March, 1975, he graduated with a degree in Finance.

It was here at Tech that he met the love of his life, Trish. It was on a blind date! He told her on the second date that he was going to marry her and he DID. Trish is a graduate of Virginia Tech as well.

They have two children and 4 grandchildren which they are very proud of.

In 1975 he received a job offer in Nashville with Thomas Nelson. In November 1977 things changed and his division got canceled, thus he lost his job.

About the same time his Father in Law had been pursuing him to come work for him. He had invented a product that he needed Les to introduce to architects. So in 1978 he got out the yellow pages and started making calls and knocking on doors to promote the shelving product. The company promoted selling, fabricating and installing which was a dream to contractors.

By 1988 they had grown to 5 locations and 45 employees. They had created a niche market with bath hardware and shower doors. These were the things that went in after the painting.

His business prospered for many years until the great recession hit and he struggled for several years. But in 2019 American Building Systems acquired them. He continued to work for the company as a consultant as well as doing other jobs until retiring October 31, 2020.

Some of his interests include golf, bow hunting, fishing fresh and salt water, travel and drawing. One of his passions is collecting fountain pens. He also loves to draw pencil, water color, pen and ink and urban sketching. He shared some of his works and they are truly beautiful.

He first joined the Rotary Club of Portsmouth but soon learned that the lunch meeting did not fit into his schedule. He then joined the Churchland Club in 1985. Les has held many offices including President and committee positions during his membership. He chaired the peanut sales for 15 years! In 1996/97 he served as Assistant Governor. He has attended 4 international conference and many district ones. He went to Honduras to help with building the Julia Knight clinic. He said that he has made some of his best friends in our Rotary Club. He was proud to boast that he has passed his dad's rotary pin on to his son.

We are so proud to call you a member of our Rotary Club, Les and appreciate all that you have done for the community during this time. Congratulations on your successful career and life!

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS IN PERSON OR ZOOM

THANKS to Bob Brewer we will have a program on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Please show the Rotary Club of Churchland spirit and show up in person or by Zoom to hear the message Captain Alex Konczey has to offer. Here is a brief bio.

Alex is a native of Hungary and lived under Communism for over 9 years. He was a Hungarian

Board Meeting  
Cincinnati Chili

**November 24, 2020**  
[Terry Fraley/Rod Triplett](#)  
November Greeters

**November 24, 2020**  
[Dennis Price](#)  
Meeting Opener

**November 25, 2020**  
[David Stephenson/John Skrobiszewski](#)  
Meals On Wheels - Fourth  
Wednesday

**December 01, 2020**  
[Nancy Quell](#)  
Meeting Opener

**December 01, 2020**  
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)  
December Greeters

**December 08, 2020**  
[Debra Aleck/Les Halstead](#)  
December Greeters

**December 08, 2020**  
[Karl Quinn](#)  
Meeting Opener

## Birthdays

Byron A. Perkins III  
November 9th

Robert F. Brewer  
November 24th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Joe Friszolowski  
November 15th

The graphic features the Rotary International logo at the top. Below it, the text 'THE FOUR WAY TEST' is written vertically on the left. The four questions are listed in a vertical stack, each with a corresponding number: 'FIRST IS IT THE TRUTH?', 'SECOND IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?', 'THIRD WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?', and 'FOURTH WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?'. The Rotary logo is at the bottom.

Freedom Fighter against the Russians in 1956. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1957.

Upon graduating from college, he joined the U. S. Navy and fulfilling his dream became a pilot. Four squadron tours and 12 deployments took him all over the world. He accumulated over 7,800 flight hours in 14 different aircraft, putting him in the top 5% among Navy pilots. He retired as a Captain with 30 years of active duty service.

What a fitting way to celebrate VETERANS DAY by having such a distinguished speaker. We look forward to hearing about his career and thanks again Bob for coordinating.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020



Wow District Governor Judy Cocherell and her committee pulled it out. She had 250 attendees from all over the district attend at the brand new Marriott Hotel in Virginia Beach.

Here are some highlights that I can share with you as my experience:

Attended Opening Ceremony on Friday Morning with opening bell, virtual parade of flags, pledge, national anthem and 4-way test. Mayor Bobby Dyer welcomed us to Virginia Beach and thanked us for all that we do in the community and around the world. Next, Past Rotary International Vice President Ann Matthews was introduced and delivered the message from our RI President, Holger Knaack. His message encouraged us to bring in well suited members and to mentor them so they stay in the club. Also have a strategic plan in your club to be more successful. He suggested looking at adding more women and younger individuals to our clubs. His message included listening with an open mind to move your club forward. Diversity was mentioned many times throughout the conference and it is needed to be successful.

That afternoon I attended two breakouts: DACdb so I could learn a little more about the system and "Get Them to Taste those Green Eggs and Ham: Attraction of New Members." All clubs are struggling to attract and keep members and this session certainly pointed out ways to help.

On Saturday morning, I attended three sessions: The first one was titled Unless Someone Like you cares a whole lot: Rotarian Burnout. This session gave some insight as to why burnout occurs and I could definitely relate. Recognition is the first step in realization of burnout! Next session, "The Power of Your Presence by Admiral David Crocker, Ret delivered a powerful message detailing his hands on type of leadership and getting down and dirty with his crew. The last one was "No Matter How Small: Clubs' Psychological Safety and Diversity. As I mentioned earlier, diversity came up many times during the conference and this is a subject that is near and dear to most clubs. It was interesting to learn that identifying and managing diversity within your club is definitely going to strengthen your club's structure.

I did not attend any of the lunch or dinner options and will ask those that did to present your feedback at the meeting tomorrow morning on this and any of the other sessions you may have attended.

I have attended several district conferences in my time as a Rotarian and they always leave me with a gratifying and pumped up feeling. I was glad to be able to share this experience with my fellow Rotarian Club of Churchland members!

## OASIS VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 8, 2020



This past Sunday, November 8, 2020, many of our members volunteered at Oasis. They came out at 7 a.m. to prepare, package and distribute breakfast bags to those guests needing a meal. It is so rewarding to serve in our community and a big thank you goes out to the following: Debra, Bob, Sandra, Nancy, Wanda, Pamela, Margaret, Joe Hansley and daughter Rosalyn, Lupe, David. Maureen was also there busily giving haircuts to those requesting!

Hats off to you all!

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## CALLING THE CHARTER NIGHT COMMITTEE

The following members are asked to remain after the meeting for a couple minutes: Ashton, Sandy, Margaret, Sandra and Nancy.

Our Charter Night has been postponed until later in 2021. We plan to discuss options for holding it in the late spring or early summer!

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## QUEEN OF HEARTS WINNER

Sandy won the weekly drawing but did not draw the QUEEN! Next week we will have 15 cards so do you feel lucky. Remember that 1/3 of funds go to the weekly winner, 1/3 to the Christmas Fund and 1/3 to the QUEEN OF HEARTS POT!

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## REMEMBERING

By Sandra R. Stewart

Dennis and Patricia Price

It is so good to see you every Tuesday morning by Zoom!

Dan and Marcia Matthews

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